

## Senate Resolution 111

By: Senator Parent of the 42nd

## A RESOLUTION

1 Commending and recognizing the DeKalb County Public Library for being named Georgia's  
2 Public Library of the Year; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library is a system of individual library locations  
4 serving diverse interests and needs; and

5 WHEREAS, this outstanding organization has had a tremendous impact on its community  
6 through its spirit of service and desire to improve the quality of life in the DeKalb County  
7 area and is recognized for offering public programming that embraces the county's diverse  
8 community; and

9 WHEREAS, under the leadership of the Library Board of Trustees, Library Director Alison  
10 Weissinger and her staff, the county provides exceptional services, programs, and resources  
11 to its residents; and

12 WHEREAS, in 2018, the DeKalb County Board of Commissioners approved increased  
13 funding for libraries by \$2.2 million; county leadership also raised the minimum wage to \$14  
14 an hour, benefiting 90 library employees; and

15 WHEREAS, its numerous innovative efforts include the Read More campaign to coalesce  
16 all 22 library locations under a common goal of promotion, outreach, and unity; PRIME  
17 TIME Preschool, which introduces young children to literature through storytelling and  
18 playtime; Fine Free Summer, which encourages parents and children to check out books to  
19 prevent summer learning loss; and the Human Library Project, which involves human  
20 "books" sharing life experiences with participants in one-on-one conversations; and

21 WHEREAS, the DeKalb County Public Library also hosts the Georgia Center for the Book,  
22 one of the library's most visible and popular programs; and

23 WHEREAS, it is abundantly fitting and proper that the outstanding accomplishments of this  
24 extraordinary organization be appropriately recognized.

25 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body  
26 commend and recognize the DeKalb County Public Library for being named Georgia's Public  
27 Library of the Year and for playing a critical role in promoting lifelong learning.

28 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed  
29 to make an appropriate copy of this resolution available for distribution to CEO Michael  
30 Thurmond, Director Alison Weissinger, and the staff and volunteers of the DeKalb County  
31 Public Library.